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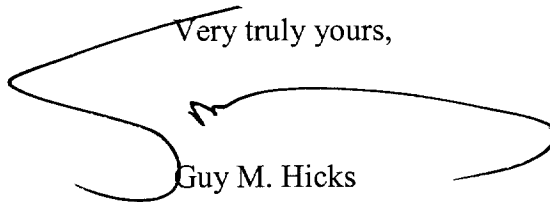
Mr. Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Hotvedt:

This will confirm that BellSouth has no objection to the TRA Staff asking questions during the arbitration proceeding, and that BellSouth will abide by the arbitration rules (Rules 1220-1-1 - 1220-1-4) which were used by the Authority in connection with earlier arbitrations.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

GMH/jem

cc: Don Baltimore, Esquire
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